(d) how Government propose to pay the post-retirement benefits to the retired employees in the event of reducing the age from 60 to 58 years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Cases pending before CAT

† 459. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several cases are pending before Central Administrative Tribunal for adjudication;

(b) if so, the total number thereof at the end of March, 2004;

(c) the cases out of such pending cases which were registered with the Tribunal more than five years earlier; and

(d) the average annual cases decided by the Tribunal during previous years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) 27,331 cases were pending in Central Administrative Tribunal as on 31.03.2004 as against a total institution of 4,27,854 cases since its inception in 1985.

(c) 2,312 cases are pending for more than five years.

(d) The average number of cases decided each year by the Tribunal from 1985 to 31.12.2003 is 21,651.

Overhaul of recruitment pattern

460. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to thoroughly overhaul the recruitment pattern in the Government service; and

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.